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Response to Office Action

This paper is a response to the office action of 4/9/2003. The response is filed within the 30 day period so no fee is required.

The Examiner stated that the response of 3/21/2002 is not fully responsive to the prior office action due to the omission of the amended claims nor the amended section of column 13. Further a supplemental reissue oath declaration was requested prior to reissue as not being provided.

**APPLICANTS RESPONSE:**

It appears that the Applicants filing of 5/7/2002 under EU066944345US correcting these objections was not received at the patent office and filed with the papers in this case for examination. The papers are resubmitted here by FAX ~~and applicant is sending same to the new address now required by the PTO~~. Applicant is confident this filing will correct the objections raised by the Examiner and that this case will reissue without further delay.

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Statement under 37 CFR 1.56

At this time, Applicant knows of no litigation regarding 5,524,998 in its current state nor in its proposed amended state of claims, and Applicant understands that it is his obligation to make a timely notification to the Patent Office of any litigation material to the patentability of the claims under consideration.

Reference to the amended claims and specification

The Examiner has requested that the Applicant submit the amended claims on a separate sheet of paper along with the change to column 13. Included herewith is the column 13 and amended claims on separate sheets of paper. A single column per page substitute specification showing the amended column 13 and the amended claim as originally submitted in the first papers from the applicant has already been submitted. If for any reason this is not with the papers and is needed, please advise the Applicant and he will resubmit it for the file.

Replacement reissue oath/declaration

A proper replacement reissue oath/declaration is included which corrects the errors pointed out by the examiner in the OA of 10/23/01.

Applicant respectfully requests that this response be considered in due course, that the traversal of the rejection of the claims be accepted, that the amendment to the specification and the claims be approved, and that the case be approved for publication as a reissue case as amended.

Respectfully,



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